

the Nakamori et al. patent fails to disclose alloy coating by casting onto the moving substrate surface. Such prior art reference furthermore fails to suggest formation of the alloy coating in such a manner as to increase its strength while maintaining ductility. As to the teaching in the Combs patent, referred to of record in regard to a process for spray casting of molten metal by atomization, such teaching is not applicable to nickel-chromium types of alloys in order to achieve both high ductility and strength properties as claimed. Accordingly, such a rejection of the transferred claims would be improper if based on hindsight derived from the disclosure in the present application, rather than a judgment based on obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as evidenced from the prior art of record.

In view of the foregoing a favorable action on the merits of claims 1-11 is expected in due course.

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